



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Kingdom of Christ

BY ERNEST M. WILSON

From a study of the Scripture it is evident that God has been endeavoring to set up a kingdom on earth over which He can rule without interruption from any evil power. Satan has been equally determined that God's plan shall not be realized. This conflict has raged furiously since the creation of man down to the present day. Often it has seemed that the forces of God were doomed to defeat but God's people have always been victorious. The war has been especially marked by rebellion and bloodshed.

Suffering and destruction has been the fate of those who chose to stand with God. Always there have been those who chose to cast their lot with the people of God even though they knew it meant persecution and even death, rather than live in the pleasure and comfort of the world in the camp of the enemy of God.

In their hearts there is hope as a consuming flame, inspiring them to be faithful and true unto death. This hope shall not be in vain for our Savior said, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Strange as it may seem, the world often offers sympathy (as though we needed it), but, thank God, we don't need its sympathy. We know God is with us and for us and we shall rule with Jesus upon the earth. (We are the "ruling class," the Royalty of heaven.) Jesus said, "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the

nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron," Rev. 2:26, 27. This promise is to those children of God who forsake the world for Jesus and are faithful even unto death.

Another interesting scripture in connection with this thought is Rev. 5:8-10, "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints, And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

Some would have it that this refers to angels or other heavenly beings, but we notice the ones who were singing said, "And hast redeemed us by thy blood." Whom but the children of God are redeemed? Another significant fact is they also said, "Every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." Surely no honest heart and mind can overlook these facts. Surely this refers to the overcoming children of God as they were from the earth.

After considering the promise of a crown and of ruling with Christ, is it any wonder that many are willing to forsake all to follow Christ?

To be with Jesus who loved us so

much would be a precious reward within itself and would more than pay us for what we might accomplish for Him here, but it is promised us, not only to be with Him, but to reign with Him.

As I think upon the coming of Christ to establish His kingdom, a thrill passes through my whole being. Just imagine Christ coming with ten thousand of His saints, Jude 15. As they swoop down upon the earth from heaven consternation will shake this whole world and in Zech. 14:4 we are told His feet shall stand upon the mount of Olives and it shall cleave asunder. The first act of Christ and His army will be to destroy the army of Antichrist who has usurped authority over the earth even to exalting himself as God. Paul, warning us of this fellow, said, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God," 2 Thess. 2:3, 4.

Christ and His army will then consign Antichrist and the false prophet, who has been an able assistant to Antichrist, to the lake of fire. "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had re-

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Notices

Being called by the Lord to go out in the evangelistic field, I hereby offer my services to any one desiring them. I desire very much to be about my Father's business. I stand on the whole Word of God and have had considerable experience both in Italian and English. I have also established a few young people's groups.—Frank Petruccelli, R. F. D. 2, New Brighton, Pa.

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To all the ministers and workers in the state of Kansas: Our year is before us and our work is outlined. Let's do our best to put the program of the Church over. As I travel over the state and see so many good towns that have never heard about the Church of God, it makes me cry out, "O Lord, send us twenty-five live-wire evangelists." Preachers, can't you hear the Macedonian call? Oh, how we want to see the Church rise and shine in Kansas this year. Let's every one put our shoulder to the wheel and work as we have never worked before.

MISSIONS: Remember the ruling of the Assembly relative to missions is that each church raise an amount each month equivalent to 5 per cent of the tithes paid in. Now each church and pastor may use their own method of raising this amount. This is divided equally, one-half to headquarters each month, with the clerk and treasurer's report, and the other half to your state treasurer, to be used in the state. Send all state mission offerings to W. R. Bolte, 1998 E. 13th St., Pittsburg, Kans. Remember also we are asked to arrange somewhere in our church a mission box and the box to be opened each month and contents be sent to headquarters along with the monthly report.

ORPHANS: Let's not forget our orphans. Pastors, remind your folks of the great need of the orphans. Boost the orphanage work in your church. Instead of having a penny march on Sunday, let's make it a nickel, dime and quarter march, and if any one has a quilt, bedspread, or clothing that they can send to the orphans' home, I am sure God will bless you. Just send all donations to Church of God Orphanage, Cleveland, Tenn. Also, let's bring along our birthday offerings for the orphans.

AGED MINISTERS: This is a cause that we must not overlook. Just think of how many of our aged ministers sacrificed to bring us the gospel. They spent their time and talent for us when they were young and strong and now many of them are unable to make their own way,

so let's not neglect them. I suggest that each church, sometime in the near future, set a day and have a special service in honor of our aged ministers. At this service take an offering for them. Be sure and raise as much as 10c a member for your church, and as much over as you can. Send this offering in to the General Secretary and Treasurer.

S. S. and Y. P. E.: Come on, Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s, let's go over the top. There is a great work to do along this line. Sunday School superintendents and Y. P. E. presidents, please do your best to promote the cause in your church. We are depending on you. Make your monthly reports to Chester W. Carr, Rt. 4, Pittsburg, Kans., who has been appointed assistant state Sunday

ple. All Y. P. E. leaders, if you are not getting a roll of Lighted Pathways for your folks, order a roll at once. They will help you in your work. You will find a lot of good suggestions and helps in it that will be a blessing to you.

Come on, ministers, clerks, deacons, evangelists, exhorters, Willing Workers, Sunday School superintendents, Y. P. E. presidents, pianists, song leaders, personal workers of all kinds, laity, and in fact everybody, we need all of you, the very least one. It may be that little help of yours that we need to get us over the hill. Pray for the work in Kansas and if God moves on you to do some pioneer work, just come on over. There is lots of room.—J. T. Campbell, overseer, 1406 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kans.

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To our many friends: We are to evangelize this year. Anyone desiring our services can reach us at Box 863, Indianapolis, N. C.—J. M. Snyder.

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The district convention for the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s of the Mobile district will convene Dec. 11, 12. Everybody is invited. We are expecting a great time. Secretaries, please average your attendance and send with your reports, and please get them in by the 5th of each month. Some have not reported yet for October. You win the banner only on your average increase and I can't report the winner until I have your reports. God bless all of you.—Lottie Baird, Rt. 1, Box 110-A, Montgomery, Ala.

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To the churches and ministers in South Texas: Lift up your hands and behold the ripe fields lying before us. We have already taken in two good preachers since coming here.

Pastors, please see to it that your churches are over the top 100 per cent EACH MONTH in every thing. Do this by the month and it will be easier on you. Be sure to raise, in mission offerings, a sum equal to 5 per cent of all the tithes paid by the local church, and send one-half of it to E. J. Boehmer, Cleveland, Tenn., and the other half to S. A. Selman, 512 W. 19th St., Houston, Tex. Send this on the first of each month.

Clerks, please make your reports to Headquarters and to your state overseer on the first of each month.

Join us in prayer that the Lord will give us at least five big gospel tents by the first of April for South Texas.

Please notice that my permanent address is T. S. Payne, 512 W. 19th Street, Houston, Texas.

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Those desiring to write me may get in touch with me through my home address, Sesser, Ill.—Mrs. Nona Dame.

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Servants or Rulers, Which?

BY FLOYD L. BIRD

Text: "I am among you as he that serveth," Luke 22:27.

These words spake Jesus unto His disciples when He saw that there was strife among them. They were striving for pre-eminence, but Jesus, the pre-eminent one, is teaching them that they should take the place of a servant instead of a ruler. There are three things by which the world is disturbed. The first is "a servant when he reigneth," Prov. 30:22. We are living in an age when no one wants to be a servant but all want to be rulers. Is not this the spirit of the Antichrist? There are three great parties in the world that are worthy of our consideration. The first is the "Communist" with Stalin of Russia as its head. The second is the "Fascist" with Mussolini of Italy as its head. Last, but not least, we have the "Christian Party" with Jesus as its Head. Thank God, this is a party all to itself in the world, but not of the world. John 17:14.

Let us note that the first two parties are possessing a spirit to destroy men's lives. Both are trying to crush one another because of dictatorial power. But it is not time for Jesus and His party to show this power, we are to show the spirit of a servant. In Luke 9:51-56 we see Jesus with His face set to go to Jerusalem and He sent messengers before Him and they went and entered into a village of the Samaritans to make ready for Him. Because they did not receive Jesus the disciples wanted to command fire to come down out of heaven and destroy them and Jesus rebuked them and said, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." Let us as saints take warning.

In last August's issue of the *Defender Magazine* I read this item of interest. Said Rev. Joseph Vance of Detroit, Mich., in addressing the fifty-sixth annual convention of the Iowa Presbyterian Synod: "We are not ready yet to scrap Capitalism for Dictatorship. You will have to walk over the bodies of 3,000,000 Presbyterians in this country to set up a dictatorship." To my way of thinking this is a sad statement for a minister of the gospel to make, although I honor him for his patriotism. But if we are going to die for a cause, let it be for the cause of Christ and His gospel. Mark 8:35.

In John 18:36 we see Jesus standing before Pilate saying, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from

hence." In Heb. 12:28 Paul tells us that we have a kingdom which cannot be moved, and that we are to serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Regardless of world conditions, we are to be servants. A Christian life is a life of service for our Lord Jesus Christ. It's not going to be long until the true Church will be manifested. Let us as saints keep in mind that the true Church is subject to Christ, Eph. 5:24, and I am sure that Christ as Head of the Church will not lead us into Communism, Fascism, or any other kind of isms. But there are millions of professed Christians in the world today that will sooner or later take sides with these two world parties. I believe that the conflict of these two world parties will help crush out the true Christians. Jesus Christ came to this world the first time to live among His disciples as one that serveth. He gave to this world the greatest example of servitude. In Isa. 53 we have a picture of the world's Savior. Then in Phil. 2:7 we read, "But made himself of no reputation, (the margin reads "emptied himself") and took upon him the form of a servant." Oh what humiliation!

I feel that many of us need to get a new vision of Calvary. Let us live near the cross where we will always feel small in our sight. In Matt. 23:11 Jesus said to His disciples, "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Let us now turn to John 13:13-17. We see here that Jesus became a menial servant, one lowest in order. He stooped so low as to wash His disciples' feet, not because their feet were dirty, although they could have been, not because of the Jewish custom, Luke 7:44, but the main purpose of this act was to show His disciples that He was among them as one that serveth and to give us an example of what a menial servant will do. Are we willing to follow this example? "If you know these things happy are ye if ye do them." We ministers ought to take a lesson from this great act. Even though we are under-shepherds, we are not to be lords over God's heritage, but be ensamples to the flock. 1 Peter 5:3. In Christ there is neither bond nor free. Gal. 2:28. We are obligated to Him as a servant. Webster says servant differs from a slave as the servant's subjection to a master is voluntary, the slave's is not. I am glad that God's love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, will make servants out of us.

In my early ministry I was quick to

fall out with people because they would not do as I was doing, and the first thing I knew I was preaching to them in a wrong attitude. But I have found out that I can't drive people and make them do. I believe it is my duty as a minister to follow the example Jesus left me. Jesus never did get everybody to follow His example, neither will we ministers. The love of God, I believe, is the compelling motive in a Christian's life. Lord help us to live, love and then we will do. Remember the text, "I am among you as he that serveth." Because of the Lord's great humiliation, Phil. 2:8-11, God hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Thank God, even world dictators will have to confess and give way to Jesus.

In Heb. 9:28, "And unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." He's coming back to earth without the burden of sin, not to be mocked, beaten, spit upon, crowned with thorns, nailed to the cross, nor even to wash the disciples' feet, but He's coming to reign one thousand years with His saints on the earth. The world hates us now and tells us to go to a place that is not even prepared for us, Matt. 25:41, but after a while God's program will change. We will no longer be servants, but kings and priests unto our God. While we are here on earth now, may our attitude toward Christ and one another be always that of a servant. In conclusion read Luke 17:10. I trust that this article will prove a blessing to all. Amen.

Revival Spirit in our Church

FROSTPROOF, Fla.—I praise the dear Lord for salvation. Everyone who doesn't have the Spirit of the Lord in his heart just doesn't know how wonderful it is.

I thank and praise the Lord for the good revival spirit we have in our church. People are seeking God, some being saved, others receiving the baptism, thank the Lord. And above everything, we thank God for our good and faithful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Morris Wiggins. They are just the kind of people who enjoy doing their best to put the work over the top for Jesus.

We also thank the Lord for our Sunday School and Y. P. E. We have good attendance. Please pray that God will save our loved ones who are out in sin. Pray for me, saints, that I might do God's will and stand true, it matters not what the enemy says.—A sister, Emma Young.

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Editorials

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Our Sunday School literature will soon be ready to mail and we certainly will appreciate it if all secretaries will place their orders as early as possible. The Christmas holidays will soon be here and the post offices will be crowded. Should you wait late to order you are likely not to get your literature on time. We feel that the literature this time is the best ever, and you should see that your teachers have Teachers Quarterlies, also those who wish to thoroughly study the lesson should order one of these quarterlies.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

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of free postage to send, is enough to rouse even the most lethargic tax-payer."

The producers are selling their goods below the cost of production, still there has been but little reduction to the consumer. This is sure to bring more poverty among the producers and the wage-earners. Most of the manufacturing interest in the United States is on a lull and in many places the shops and mills are shut down. It seems that suffering is sure to come to the laboring class of people. We can't tell now what a day will bring forth, but we are sure that Christ is soon to come and take His people out of this.

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REQUEST OF THE EDITOR

Should you have any complaint or find any errors in the Evangel, please take this up with the Editor. We will appreciate it if you will tell us and not tell others.

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PRESENT TO THE EDITOR

The Editor received a nice box of dates from H. E. Mosteller, Los Angeles, Calif. I certainly appreciate this present.

God is With Us

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. — We have just closed a very successful revival here in Williamsburg, Ky. with Brother Albert Heaston in charge. He surely gave out the Word in a wonderful way. There were three men of families saved, there were nine in all saved and the church is built up very much. He gave out a meeting for Thanksgiving Day and it was well attended and we surely had the presence of the Lord with us. At the night service there was a real outpouring of the Holy Ghost, with a healing service in the old-time way. The Lord surely answers prayer when we abide in His Word and ask anything according to His will.

The church here has gone through great trials, and the public, that is, the formal churches, with the school of this town, have made a great effort to put our church out, but God is with us and we are making as great an effort to make the Church of God rise and shine as the world can do, and, thank God, Jesus has promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Praise God. We ask everyone who reads this to pray a few words in our behalf.

We hope this year will be the greatest success for the Church in its history. I am a minister of twenty years' experience and it seems to me that as the world closes in against truth and right that all ministers should contend the harder for the FAITH ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS, and live the purest life possible.—Yours in His service till Jesus comes or calls, Starling Smith, pastor, 601 Mill St.

year. We certainly hope that we will be able to increase its circulation. The Tennessee preachers agreed in their ministers' meeting to increase their subscription list 20 per cent. We will be glad to furnish any information concerning the paper, and subscription envelopes, to those who desire same.

THE JEW

All the eyes of the world are on the Jews and Palestine. This is one of the happenings of the day that bespeak the soon return of our Lord. Arrangements are being made to settle the Jews in their homeland as fast as buildings and other arrangements can be made for them. We feel that there is a number of orthodox Jews in Palestine now that would be sufficient for the re-establishment of their government, and also the interest of every industry that would go to make their nation happy.

THE GENTILES

All nations are Gentiles that are not Jews and these nations are in great confusion, war, bloodshed, and upheavals of all descriptions. The unrest that is among the people is none other than the anxiety that has taken the world, and the prophets foresaw these things just before the coming of Christ. You can hardly find a soul now that is perfectly contented and happy. The cares of this life are playing their part with the human family.

CONDITION OF AMERICA

We feel that we are better acquainted with the condition of our own homeland than any other country because we are here where we can read the current news every day. "Incredible as it sounds, Federal press agents now are costing the United States more than it took to run the entire government two score years ago. The total bill now is \$250,000,000 a year. This disclosure in Washington will stir a national wave of protest. The mere idea of an army of 300 press agents at an annual salary of \$750,000 turning out material that takes \$180,000,000 worth

The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

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THAT SERVICE WHICH GOD ACCEPTS

Rom. 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Many ten thousands of church members and professed Christians have missed the mark, failed God, and gone down in defeat because they came to worship before God in the wrong way and with the wrong spirit. Cain, Baalim, Achan, and Saul have plenty of company. There are many things in the world that may be accomplished in more than one way, but not so with salvation and the Christian life. There is just one way and manner of living. There is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

1. Jesus said, "I am the way." And so the apostles preached that there is no salvation but in the name of Jesus. That means that Jesus paid the purchase price for the souls of all men, when He died on the cross. No man can approach God but through the sacrifice of Jesus. There is no remission of sins and obtaining God's favor but by the shedding of Jesus' blood. And the acknowledgment of Jesus, the great Mediator, is ever the only ground for recognition and acceptance in God's sight. Any who come another way, Jesus calls "a thief and a robber."

2. The service which God accepts is a willing service. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land," Isa. 1:19. And that is more than to merely consent to the will of God; it is to prefer it and with the whole heart accept it gladly. "Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psa. 37:4) is the way the Psalmist describes it. To all whole-hearted worshippers of God there is real pleasure and positive delight. If God's service is to you a dry, dead drag, that is a bad sign. It is true there are trials, crosses, and sacrifices to be made in every Christian's life, but the joy of the Lord outweighs them all.

3. The service which God accepts is a service of love. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," Matt. 22:36, 37. This is of so great importance that Jesus calls it the "great commandment." Paul said, "The love of Christ constraineth me." What a force is "the love of Christ" in any life, and that

love of God which "is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us," how great it is. All who are filled with the Holy Ghost have this love. Rom. 5:5. Some one has preached and written on the "love life of the Lord." That is the life which pleases God. It means that we preach, sing, witness, give of our means, serve faithfully in every capacity, because of our love for Him, love for His cause, and love for the souls whom He, out of love, died to save.

4. The acceptable life is the life of trust, trust in God. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass." Psa. 37:5. God is ever pleased to have His people depend upon Him. His promises for grace, help, and support are extended to all, and cover every need, every circumstance of life. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," Phil. 4:19. The more we trust Him, and depend upon His promises and gracious provisions, the more He is pleased with us.

5. God is pleased with and accepts those who live the victorious life. While it is true that Satan and the world are too much for us, yet it is gloriously true that the Lord has made it possible for every one to overcome every enemy. In fact, He has literally put into our hands all the means necessary for obtaining and living the victorious life to the end, and nothing short of this is pleasing and acceptable to Him.

The good which men do is both the work of God and the work of man. God is Author in that He furnished grace; man is its actor in that he uses the grace given to him.

Jesus wept while looking upon the city; but when He entered it He drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple.

Young People's Corner

Reasons for a Revival

Too little is thought and said about revivals. Nothing is more essential to our progress. Without them the church is a dead, formal thing, with no ability to carry its work to a successful and glorious conclusion.

1. It is the revival spirit that keeps

the church alive, and its home fires burning. Nothing can properly function when the life of the congregation is at a low ebb. Finances and everything else drag. A church on fire finds it easier to meet its every obligation and to perform its every ministry among men. A dead church is more likely to get into a rut, every thing pull hard, with conditions that often breed division or confusion. Lord, revive us.

2. It is the revived church that has the home missionary spirit, a desire to see the lost brought in, a desire to reach the dark corners and get hold of the masses of unchurched and unsaved. In every direction are thousands who are not being reached. Their numbers are constantly on the increase. There are many villages, towns, and cities where a real soul-winner might have unlimited territory to work and bring souls to Jesus provided he has faith in God for the task and is prepared to endure hardship.

3. The revival we need will bring an awakening among us to the needs of the foreign fields. A missionary program which could not be put over at all by a cold, lifeless church, is easily and happily carried out after the revival. The revival may produce new workers, a greater spirit of giving, and perhaps, above all, a deepened interest in foreign missions, which will give expression in earnest, heart prayer for the lost in all heathen lands. How great is the need of prayer. You can pray for all fields. Will you enlist now in this blessed ministry? A young Christian said to a missionary, "Brother, we are praying for you and we hope to do something more substantial to help you." The missionary replied, "You can't do any thing more substantial than to pray for us."

4. The pastors, evangelists and all leaders among us should lead the way in seeking for and bringing about a revival. As a matter of fact, the laity will not get revived ahead of the ministry. Personally, it is to the interest of every worker to see a real revival. That is, if he or she is a true follower and worshipper of the Lord and has His interests at heart. That is our business. There is no order or business so important. Every program of the church depends on this. We must have a revival. We must keep revived.

5. Any exhortation to a revival would perhaps be incomplete, if the means for producing the revival were not emphasized. Revival comes by prayer, humility and confession.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land," 2 Chron. 7:14.

"SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD"

Mrs. S. J. Wood

We find in Mark 14:8 these are the words of Jesus. We pray that can be said of the L. W. W. B. at the close of this year, especially at our General Assembly and camp meetings when we make our reports. I believe we have a greater zeal to work for the Lord this year than ever before. Truly we can see the need of it everywhere we go.

We have all gotten back on the job and some of us have new work and all of us, I hope, have a mind to work. When we arrived in New Mexico we found some true blue willing workers already at work. We were delighted to meet with the W. W. B. at Carlsbad. They discussed and outlined plans to work under this coming year, and if they keep the zeal and enthusiasm they manifested that afternoon I am sure they will have some good reports at camp meeting. Sister Smethers is the president of the W. W. B., and why shouldn't it go over the top?

Also Hobbs has a wonderful opportunity. It's an oil field town. That means there is money there, but that isn't all, they have for their president Sister Alma Anderson and she is known far and near for her good works, like Dorcas of old, and the same will apply to Jal church. Sister Rain is their president. We haven't visited all the churches yet but will soon. I hope all of them have a good W. W. B. If you don't, please let me encourage you to organize at once and enter our contest beginning Jan. 1, 1938.

Oh, hallelujah. I'm getting so enthused writing this, I can hardly keep still. I feel like we have won the victory over the devil as far as opposition is concerned. I believe our people were convinced at the General Assembly that we really have a good work. Hearing the good testimonies and knowing it's a part of our church work, approved and passed by our General Council and Assembly, I hope all will fall in line and be not only a L. W. W. but a G. W. W. too.

We pray we don't have murmurers and complainers like this good woman had in our text. I want to remind you what Jesus says in V. 6. He rebuked them and said, "Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work." Haven't you heard mothers scold some of the children for tantalizing some of the other children, and she would say, "Let her alone." She meant it, and if they kept it up, they soon found it out.

I believe God is looking on the scene, taking notice of our precious willing workers as they work and toil for the upbuilding of the Church. While some seem less concerned and can stay at home

or go visiting, the others meet and work, then they come to church and shout on the other fellow's victory and warm by the other saint's fire. I want all ministers to read V. 9. Probably you will see where you have fallen short of your duty. V. 9 says, "Verily I say unto you (that means you ministers), Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the WHOLE world, this also that SHE hath done shall be spoken of (stirred very much) for a memorial of her."

WHOLE world means just what it says. Yes, Sister Atkinson, it means in Old Mexico too; takes in Haiti, too, Brother Herne; also China, Brother Pitt; and Hawaii, Brother Litton; also South India, Brother Cook, Bahama Islands, Brother Franks; Jamaica, Brother Hudson; Germany, Brother Lauster; and in Houston, Tex., Brother Payne; all

to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect, will of God." When God wonderfully saved, sanctified us and filled us or baptized us with the precious Holy Ghost there was a great transformation in our minds, actions and lives. Praise God! "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: Old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new." Yes, the devil went out and with him his filthy trash, such as going to worldly places of amusement (places where you would not have Jesus come and find you), permanent waves, well set hair, painted nails, plucked brows, those cute expressions you hear from the world, and short sleeves. All this is pertaining to the "danger line."

You can smile now and agree with me or begin to show a rebellious spirit, but it's not going to change the Word of God for we find in 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." James 4:4 says, "The friendship of the world is enmity with God." Now if we do the things I've mentioned above and claim the precious Holy Ghost, we say by our actions He (Holy Ghost) will do these things, but glory to God it is far from Him.

You might say, "Sister, this is plain talk. These are only little things and I don't think they are wrong. We only do these things to improve our looks." Dear ones, you are just being led toward the danger line. Let me direct you to the greatest beauty parlor in existence, and you don't have to go to Paris to find it. Make an altar any place and stay there until you pray through and you will have found the beauty parlor of God. You can then have the greatest beautifier of all ages to do your work—Jesus Christ. He has the only sure remedy for beauty. David said, "He will beautify the meek with salvation." Try Him. Oh hallelujah, can't you feel His touch now! It's real to me today. I feel the glories bubbling up in my soul now. Oh it is worth every effort.

Why some people want to or do play around the danger line, be miserable in a sense, and stay in the Church of God, is beyond me. If they would just obey God and be led by the Spirit of God, He would fill and thrill them with the glory from heaven. Christ is our example and if we ever get to heaven we must follow in His footsteps and not see how close we can get to the world or danger line without getting into it.

What do you say, let's move up, dear sisters. You might say some brothers need to move up too. True enough, but (Continued on page 15)

Christmas Greeting Cards

We have some new Christmas cards that we haven't had before and we think they are very, very pretty. Each folder bears an appropriate design, greeting, and scripture text. Box No. 712 contains twelve folders and envelopes, for only 50c. Box No. 721 contains twenty-one folders and envelopes, for only \$1.00.

around the world, Brother Ingram.

Now if everybody will preach the whole Word rightly divided we will get back to some of the old principles and in building this great house of God in these last days. It will be as in olden times when they were having house raising. When they got ready to throw on a log, they would say, "he oh he," and they would throw it up; but we willing workers can't afford to slacken the traces or slow down. God's business requires haste, so, come on L. W. W., and let's throw on another log. Here we go, SHE OH SHE!

THE DANGER LINE

MISS BRADY THARP

When you see "Danger" written on a sign board or a "danger signal" flashed before you, it means to take notice or beware. Now I'd like for you to sit up and take notice. Will you?

I've felt impressed for some time to try to sound a warning to our people, "we Church of God folk," especially the sisters, about steering clear of worldliness or the "danger line."

Have you never thought of the danger line in the experience of a child of God? Rom. 12:2 says, "And be not conformed

Bible School Echoes

Friday Afternoon Program

By way of explanation: In the last two issues of the Evangel you read two accounts under the above title. The Friday afternoon program is a weekly students' meeting and is an innate part of the school. Every student in school is present and is expected to participate when notified beforehand by one of the faculty. As many as five are many times on the program to speak. This is part of the training of a Bible student. He learns to put into practice and apply that which he has learned.

Many times we are made to realize possibilities in a student when he is thus called upon to speak, which, if persistently developed, will be an instrument which God will be able to use to great advantage.

The program this afternoon is conducted by Brother James Stephen, who calls on Brother George Brazell to lead the singing. The student body sings "Heaven Bound" and "Prayer Bells of Heaven."

Immediately after prayer by the students Brother George Ayers of Kentucky speaks to us on "Suffering Persecution." He brings out many good points about suffering persecution for Christ's sake patiently. "We may have to suffer persecution but if we yield ourselves into His hands He will be with us. Do we grumble when we are persecuted for Christ's sake? Many seek fame but I would rather be in the center of God's will, even if it brought about persecution, than to have all the fame and honor the world could bestow." He points out in the life of Paul the many times he was persecuted and the attitude of patient humility he maintained throughout life. "The pioneers of the Church of God have made the pattern for us to follow and we expect to follow in their wake."

A guitar duet was enjoyed, rendered by George Barker and Nolan Campbell.

Following the first speaker the Florida girls' quartet sings "Good Morning in Heaven."

The second speaker is Brother Roland Dunn of Illinois. He expresses regret for trying to rebel against the call of God and expresses desire to do what God requires of him. He reads Luke 12:16-20 and says, "It is serious, it is dangerous, it is foolish for man to leave God out of his life. Where your treasures are, there will your heart be also. The poor man is rich if he has God in his life, the rich man is poor without God in his life."

A trio composed of Ruth Rice, Martha

Womack and Lula Mixon sings next the song, "With Jesus I Am Walking."

Sister Ruth Rice of Michigan is the next speaker. "Jesus in Our Midst" is her subject. Text, John 20:19. She points out instances from the Bible where Jesus figured in the victory gained. "Regardless of how severe the trials may be or how large difficulties may loom, if Jesus is in our midst victory will be ours." Some inspiring thoughts are brought out and the message is much enjoyed.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" is rendered next as a musical number by Ruth Baldree playing piano accordion and George Barker playing the guitar.

The last speaker is Brother Thermon Pearson of Mississippi, his subject, "Example in Christian Living." Text, 1 Pet. 2:31. He emphasizes the fact that Christ, "who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth" is the example of the Christian. Under the inspiration and anointing power of the Holy Ghost this message is delivered, which inspires everyone of us to persistently and diligently follow in the footsteps of the Son of God.

In conclusion an ex-student, Sister Margaret Atkins, makes a short talk, after which the student body stands and sings "I Feel Like Traveling On," after which we are dismissed with prayer by Brother Lawrence Davis.—Geo. H. Poate.

* * * A Note of Praise

I am glad to sound a note of praise for the way God has blessed my soul and for making it possible for me to attend B. T. S.

I thank God for the good teachers that we have. I feel that they are true men and women of God, who endeavor to teach the Word just as it is laid down in the Bible. I thank God that we have a school where we can go and study the Bible. I feel that God has called me to work for Him.

Pray for me that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—B. L. Nabors.

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Desires to Live Close to God

Dear friends, I thank the Lord for His love that abides in my soul at the present time and for His wondrous power which is felt in school every day. It is growing sweeter to me every day and I see the need of it in my daily travel through life, which makes me want to live closer to Him.

My heart is longing to see those who are wandering in sin come to the Lord. It seems to me that people would seek the Lord while He may be found, because there will be a day when we will want to be prepared to meet Him and He will say, "Depart from me ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you." Oh,

what a day that will be when we all meet up there around the judgment throne.

Friends, will you pray for the Lord to put conviction on the hearts of those here in school so much that they can not sleep until they find the Lord?

The Lord has been with us in school very much this year. He has saved many souls here and I believe He will save every one in school if we will pray for them.

During Thanksgiving there were quite a number who received the Holy Ghost. As I have said once before, this is my first year in school and I don't believe there is any place on earth so dear to me as the B. T. S. I ask the prayers of everyone that I may always be a faithful servant for the Lord and that I may bring lost souls to the Lord by the life I live, and again I'll say, pray for the school.—A student in B. T. S. and a worker for the Lord, Harold Hester.

Waves of Glory Swept Over Congregation

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—Dear saints, we thank the Lord for the way He is blessing in Kannapolis, N. C. Almost all the saints here seem to be encouraged and have victory now. The Lord surely is blessing in the church services in a wonderful way.

Yesterday after returning from the classrooms to the main auditorium the power of the Lord came down in a mighty way and just one great wave of glory after another swept over the congregation for at least an hour. It being twelve o'clock by this time, the pastor just made an altar call without preaching and in a few minutes the altar was filled with seekers, many of whom were blessed. The saints shouted, danced, talked in tongues and praised the Lord.

I praise the Lord for what He means to me. He saved me from a life of sin and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost, the greatest blessing anyone has ever had since Jesus went back to glory.

I have a special unspoken request which I want every saint to please pray for.—A brother under the blood.

Can't Praise Him Enough

ROSWELL, Ga.—Dear saints, I praise the Lord for what He has been to me and the many dear friends from whom I received anointed handkerchiefs for the healing of my son's body. He is able to be in school again after being out a month, suffering day and night.

I don't feel like I can praise Him enough for what He has been to me. Please pray for my husband to be saved and stop his habit.—Mrs. W. D. Hamrick.

Testimonies

Salvation is For "Whosoever Will"

CAIRO, Ga.—Dear saints of God, when all the powers of darkness are around us and when our burdens are almost more than we can bear, then it is I look to Jesus and see Him hanging there on that cruel cross of Calvary, shedding His life's blood for a whole wide world steeped in sin. Oh, the pain and agony He bore for you and me! I realize that we can never suffer for Him as He did for us. It makes me want to love Him more, and lift the blood-stained banner of holiness higher than ever before. I can never praise my Lord enough for what He's done for me. Bless His name.

The Lord put a burden on my heart for poor, lost souls. I love you and so does Jesus. Sinner friends, you may think you are too low in sin, but listen, Isa. 1:18 says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Glory, glory, glory. He picked me up out of the very mud-ruts of sin and He'll do for you the same. You need not say this good salvation is not for you, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16. Thank God. "Whosoever" meaneth you. Yes, the Holy Ghost is for you too. We must really possess Him (the third person in the Godhead, or Trinity) to be able to go up in the rapture when Jesus comes. Oh, He is so precious to me. The way of holiness gets sweeter to me every day.

He is my healer too. Bless His name. Please, dear ones out in sin, give your heart and life to Jesus now. You have not the promise of tomorrow. Life is like a brittle thread, can be broken any moment. Prepare now to meet thy God, live true to the end. Then all will be well with your soul. Thank God. Now is the accepted time of salvation.

Dear saints, pray for my father and stepmother, they are deep in sin. Pray for the salvation of their souls. I am crippled and can hardly walk to the Church of God which is about one mile. God is able and I'm trusting Him. Brother Rouse, please pray for me. How I wanted to go to the Assembly so Brother Rouse could lay hands on my feet and pray for God to heal those big old soft places on them. They are better, bless His name. I have no way to go to church but walk, only

when someone comes by for me. I know God can help me walk without any pain at all. I can hardly wait until Sunday comes, I want to be in service so badly. We had to give up our dear pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister J. B. Weeks. How it almost broke my heart to see them go, but thank God for our new pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister P. W. Heaton. He's surely preaching with the anointing. We have a good Y. P. E. and God is blessing.

Please pray for my foster mother. She suffers with asthma, and pray for her soul too. I am the only one in my home with the sweet Holy Ghost, so pray for me that I will be a full overcomer and be in the assembly that will last throughout all eternity.—Your crippled sister in Christ, Miss Zola Pearl Hand, 342 N. W. 3rd Ave.

Wonderful to Know You Are Ready to Go

OOLTEWAH, Tenn.—Dear Evangel family, I am glad I can report victory in my soul. Jesus has been so good to me this past summer. He is such a wonderful Savior to me. Dear readers, I haven't been to church this year. I got to go to the Assembly only one night, but I am so glad that Jesus can keep our hearts filled with love and victory if we will only trust Him. Bless His dear name. I am so glad that one day I decided to give my heart to God. I find so much joy and peace serving my Savior, and it is so wonderful to know we are ready to go when Jesus calls for us. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. He heals my body when I get sick. He has healed me many times this year and carried me through many trials and temptations. Many times the devil would try to outdo me, but I would just hold on to Jesus and He would always carry me through. Well, bless His dear name. Dear brothers and sisters, every time you pray please remember me, and I'd like to hear from anyone, telling how God has blessed you this year. It would mean so much to me.

If anyone knows Sister Lela Chesser's and Sister Belle Cochrane's address, I would be so glad if you would send them to me.

I have children and many loved ones out in sin. Please help me pray for them.—A sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Dovie Willerson, Rt. 1.

Church Lined Up With Pastor

ROME, Ga.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in Rome, Ga. We are having the best revival that we have ever had here and there are people coming to the altar who had never made a start before. One woman received the Holy

Ghost who had been seeking Him for twenty years. We thank the Lord for Brother Batts, our new pastor. He surely is a man of God and a wonderful worker for the Lord. The entire church has lined up with Brother Batts and everybody is encouraged and there is not a cross spirit or anything but everybody is in harmony. We are planning on building a new church and ask your prayers that the Lord may help us in our undertaking. The Y. P. E. and Willing Worker Band are working for the new church.—Your brother in Christ, A. R. Howell, Box 470.

Just Another of God's Miracles

STEELVILLE, Mo.—It is with great appreciation I write this testimony of faith in our God, the Father through our blessed Savior Jesus Christ.

Nov. 7 our little daughter, Vera, age two years and nine months, was accidentally run over by a one and one-half ton truck, the front wheel passing over her abdomen. We hastened with her to the doctor to learn the extent of her injury and whether there were hopes for the poor, little crushed body. He told us there was nothing to be done, she was inwardly mashed.

I had been reared in the Church of God teachings and believed with all my heart in divine healing. Brother George Campbell had recently organized a Church of God in our town and I, being one of its new members, believed in prayer, and although my husband is not a Christian, he too has faith. So he immediately got in touch with Brother Campbell.

The doctor examined her pulse and heart. When I asked that she be prayed for he folded his stethoscope and stepped out of the office while Brother and Sister Campbell, Sister Cook and I earnestly prayed for her body to be made whole. At the close of the prayer the physician re-entered the office and again with stethoscope tested her pulse and heart and said, "She's better!" From then on she mended.

We took her home and at intervals it seemed a losing battle, but we kept praying unceasingly and Brother Campbell telegraphed Brother Rouse at Cleveland. At length her body was healed, our prayers were answered, and in less than a week she was running everywhere.

The report was abroad everywhere that she had passed on, and since she has been healed doubters say she was never run over, but her fifteen-year-old brother was an eyewitness to the wheel passing over her and two others were positive it did. I know it is just another of God's miracles for a witness for Him.—Mrs. Raymond Young.

On My Way to Heaven

THOMASVILLE, Ala.—Dear saints, I praise God for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I have been a member of the Church of God about two years. I haven't taken anything up to the present and as long as I have the Holy Ghost I don't intend to take any.

About two weeks before my mother died she prayed if it took her life to change her family that she wanted God to take her. I believe God took her to make me think of where I was going. At the time my mother died I was very wicked but I am on my way to heaven now to meet her. Praise God. I intend to see that mother who prayed the prayer of faith. I want to see Jesus first of all, then I want to see mother and all the precious men of old.

Pray for me that I will be in the Church of God when Jesus comes, and, dear readers, pray for two orphan sisters and one brother. I heard my mother say she would give anything to know that her little ones would meet her in heaven. Pray for me.—A brother in Christ, Ernest Goodman.

Completely Trusting Him

GARFIELD, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, I truly praise God for His many blessings. He is such a wonderful Savior. I have known Him as my Savior for more than ten years and I have found Him always ready to hear and answer prayer. He has been my only healer for more than ten years, and so many times when we would be crying out to Him for help we would always promise that we would testify through the Evangel if He wanted us to.

We have been tried so hard for the last two years and He has helped us over to victory every time, and I feel like He wants me to tell it through the paper. We shouldn't be slack concerning our promises to God for He is not slack.

When my first baby was born everyone gave me up to die and almost everyone except my husband and two or three more faithful friends, wanted me to consent to have a doctor but I had asked God to let me keep my mind enough to trust Him and I wasn't persuaded, for I knew God's power was the greatest. We trusted Him until victory was won, and how sweet it was to get victory. We (or they) sang the song, "Victory," at my request. We give God all the praise because we were completely trusting Him.

Last March the same baby was taken with the whooping cough. He was sick for more than three months and almost everybody who saw him said we would lose him, but we still held on to God, afraid to turn to the arm of flesh if we

had wanted to. He got so low we decided that it was God's will to take him. But praise God forever, He wanted to see if we were willing to trust Him right on. About that time He gave us both the assurance that He had heard our prayers. The baby began to mend from then and he is well and hearty today. Our little one came in May and neither one of them has ever had a dose of medicine of any kind. We are praising God for making us able to trust Him. Oh, how sweet it is to trust in Jesus.

Last June my husband had something like a light stroke of paralysis. He lost his speech but we held on to God for him and the Holy Ghost began to witness through him. He is not completely healed yet, he has high blood pressure and suffers terribly with his head, but thank God, he has a determination to trust God.

Many times we have been in close places but we just looked to God and He helped us out. Both our babies have been bottle babies and many times we spent the last money we had for milk, but God always sent some along before we had to buy more. It pays to put our trust in God. He knows our needs and if we will be established in Him, He is always ready to help. Oh, how we need to consecrate ourselves more every day to God. These are evil days and the enemy has many traps set in many different ways for us. How I do want to go through with Jesus. It seems the enemy tries us harder than anyone else, but we are looking to the Lamb of God. Hallelujah to Jesus!

I am praising God for the good Holy Ghost that comforts and strengthens us in the darkest hours. We know our Captain has never lost a battle, and if we will only follow where He leads we will be safe. Regardless of how the enemy works I want to be drawn nearer the center of God's will each day so when I have to leave this old world I can leave shouting the victory.

Everyone who reads this please pray a special prayer for God to heal my husband. Pray for my babies' bodies and for me. Also pray for us to be able to trust God to the end.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ira J. Hand.

Praise God Forever

Dear saints of God, I write this testimony that I may keep the promise I made our heavenly Father Nov. 24.

For several days our supply of kerosene oil had been exhausted and we were without a light at night, therefore could not read His Word, and the boys could not see to study their schoolbooks as they needed to do. We did not have a penny with which to buy oil, that we might have a light.

On Nov. 24 after the arrival of the mail, and no funds in sight, we prayed thus: "Dear Father, if you will send us by Friday, as much as fifteen cents with which to buy oil, that our motherless little boys may have a light by which to study their books, we will testify to it to the glory of your name, as you may lead." November 25 was Thanksgiving Day and is a legal holiday (not holy day), so the mail did not pass our box on that day, but praise His name, when it arrived Friday we received \$1.00 from a man in the far Northwest, which made it possible for us to buy the much needed oil for our lamp, and other things which the boys need to make it possible for them to still attend school. Praise His holy name.

This is not the first prayer He has answered at once. About two years ago our supply of flour was exhausted and we did not have a penny with which to purchase more, so kneeling by the empty box we asked our heavenly Father to please make it possible for us to get the needed bread, and that same day, within a few hours, He sent us money to buy the needed flour and other articles of food which were exhausted. He is so very good, bless His name.

At another time, a few years ago, when the food supply was exhausted, we received a check for \$3.00 from a person whom we had never even heard of, which was the amount then needed to purchase food.

We could mention many other instances where He has answered prayer almost instantly, but trust the above is sufficient to encourage some poor soul, also glorify the name of our dear Father in heaven.

Will the saints please pray much for us at this time that I may be able to train my motherless little boys for His glory, and that He may show me His will in all things and enable me to be willing at all times to obey His dear will.

Will some one who reads this please send me a copy of the Evangel containing it, as I am not receiving the paper at this time? I will also appreciate encouraging letters.—In Jesus' near name, C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

Healed of Bad Cut

FORT MILL, S. C.—Dear readers, I am glad to sound a note of praise to Jesus our Lord for the way He healed me. On Nov. 1 I got my foot cut very badly and could not walk without crutches, I could not have my foot on the floor.

On Nov. 7 I went to church and our pastor asked if I wanted prayer and I said, "Yes." Before they prayed God took charge and I left my sticks, thank God, and haven't taken them any more.—Your sister, Addie Black.

Reports

Report of Mississippi Ministers' Meeting

Our ministers' meeting convened at Rocky Hill church, Sunday night, Nov. 21 and ran through Monday night. God was with us in the first service. We had most of the ministers of the state present at the first service, also our state overseer, Brother T. W. Godwin. I believe the Mississippi people will love and appreciate him as our overseer. We were also very happy to have our General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, and Brother Johnson, Asst. General Overseer. They preached some wonderful sermons and gave us some good advice that we shall not forget. I think we have a constructive program before us this year, and all those attending the meeting seemed to catch a new hold on life and are determined to work harder this year than ever before.

Let us all pull together this year and co-operate with our state overseer, and when the year is over we can have something done for our King. Let us prove our love for the great Church of God by the way we support it and work for it. We have some good people in Mississippi and some good preachers, so I believe the great God that we serve will give us a great time. Praise His name!—Horace Taylor, Morgantown, Miss.

Missouri Ministers' Meeting

The ministers' meeting convened at the Brighton church on Nov. 13, 14. The service opened Friday night with songs and prayer. Following were remarks by H. L. Marcus, state overseer, on reporting, missions and aged ministers' fund.

He asked the ministers and clerks to send their reports in on or near the first of each month, that all ministers raise their ten cents per member for aged ministers' fund, and all ministers receiving a total income of \$50.00 or more each month, pay one per cent of this amount to the aged ministers' fund. Send this with your report to the General Secretary and Treasurer, Cleveland, Tenn.

Each minister was also asked to raise his mission quota, which is five per cent of the amount of tithes paid into your local treasury. Have your clerks send 50 per cent of this amount to the General Secretary and Treasurer, Cleveland, Tenn., and the remaining 50 per cent to your state mission treasurer. This is very important as we want to put our church program over in the state of Missouri this year.

We also considered the purchasing of a

state tent. It was agreed and passed that each church raise 25c per member to sponsor this worthy cause. Do this as soon as possible and send this to your state tent treasurer.

It was agreed and accepted that the state Sunday School and state Y. P. E. work be combined and one man be appointed to act as superintendent of both. The ways and means committee was appointed to consider and to formulate plans for his support. The committee's report was read and accepted as follows: That all Sunday Schools tithe their Sunday School offerings and each Sunday School be assessed one cent per scholar monthly. Also each Y. P. E. be assessed 50c monthly. And each pastor assist by taking love offerings for this cause when the superintendent visits his place. Brother R. E. Worley is serving as Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent at present. All Sunday School and Y. P. E. treasurers send your reports and quotas to R. E. Worley, 4240A Hunt Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

J. L. Underwood was elected state mission treasurer, also state tent treasurer. All ministers when you raise your 25c per member on the state tent, send it to your state tent treasurer. Send your mission quota to the state mission treasurer, J. L. Underwood, who was elected to serve as state mission treasurer and state tent treasurer. Send all funds to J. L. Underwood, Box 94, Desloge, Mo.

We had a good meeting for the first ministers' meeting in the state of Missouri. Let us all pray and work hard for God and His Church this year. Let us be loyal on every line and I am sure God will bless us.—Your humble servant, J. L. Underwood, clerk.

North Louisiana Ministers' Meeting

The North Louisiana ministers' meeting is now history but the memories of it will never die in the minds of many who attended that great feast. Some expressed themselves that it was the best yet. It was one of the best and most successful ministers' meeting I have attended.

I was privileged to attend both the South and North Louisiana meetings, and to say they were blessed with a good spirit would be putting it mild. The presence of the Lord was there for the first service. The singers seemed to sing us closer to heaven. We were pleased to have with us our esteemed Assistant General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, also our state overseer, Brother Clyde C. Cox. Their messages were encouraging and uplifting to all. We bespeak a great year for Louisiana from the great determination each seemed to grasp at

this meeting. Every one left built up in the Spirit and filled with the zeal of God to work harder for the progress of the work this Assembly year. A nice program was outlined at each meeting which, we feel, will prove a blessing to the church work in the state and create a new interest among the ministry.

Not only did we enjoy a good business session conducted in a business manner but a great revival spirit that prevailed throughout the convention. The altar was filled with seekers at each conference. It seemed like one of the old-time camp meetings had returned. We look forward to some great revivals in the state this year and new work opened up. The Assembly year is short but we can accomplish much if we take the information and advice received at each ministers' conference.—A soldier of the cross, John D. Carter, Box 294, Monroe, La.

Concerning the Work in South Carolina

To the ministers and churches in South Carolina: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I apologize to you for the inconvenience I have caused you by having to move my address so often. We have already moved twice. As Brother Johnson, former state overseer, could not get his house in Cleveland, I had to wait until now to get the house he is vacating in Anderson. By the time you read this, I hope to be moved to the same "state overseer's home," 206 Dickens Ave., Anderson, S. C.

When I was appointed to the work I was shocked, and felt that I would not be able to follow such great men as you have had in the past. But since I have had a few days and the "get-acquainted tour," and seeing how well you are organized, and seeing that Brother Johnson has left everything so well fixed, I have gotten reconciled and am now doing my best to adjust myself to the work.

I surely do appreciate the "welcome" I have received to the State, and the get-acquainted tour has been a great blessing to me, as I found so many God-loving people "both young and old". Such singing! Such singing! Such music, oh such music as I did hear! "What church? What band?" did I hear some ask? All of them, everywhere I went, and you can judge yourself whether I have been anywhere as I have put over five thousand miles on my car in one month and six days.

As some of you were not present at the ministers' meeting, I am giving below some of the items passed on in the meeting:

The state convention will be some time in May, at Greenville. A committee composed of Brother Beaube, Brother Bright,

Brother Paulk, Brother Looney and Brother W. D. Childers were empowered to make arrangements to have the convention in the Textile Hall.

In order to support a full-time state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, each Sunday School is required to pay one cent per member per month on the basis of average attendance to the state S. S. superintendent. All offerings received by the Y. P. E's are to be tithed and same be sent to state Y. P. E. superintendent. A freewill offering is to be taken for the superintendent when he visits churches. The superintendent is to report to the state overseer by the 15th of each month of all that have reported. Those who have not reported will be considered ineligible for office. Each Sunday School is to pay 25¢ for each 12 report cards. Each Y. P. E. is to pay 25¢ for each 12 report cards. A district Sunday School and Y. P. E. rally is to be held every quarter, the state superintendent co-operating with the district superintendent in setting the date. Each pastor appoint someone in his church to see that at least one roll of the Lighted Pathways is sold in each church every month.

The state mission treasurer is to send in a report to the state overseer by the 15th of each month of the churches and the amount of mission money sent in.

Note: If you receive a card from the state overseer or state mission treasurer stating that the mission money from your church has not been received, the card is not intended to be a dun but is intended to be a friendly reminder.

Note: The state mission treasurer has self-addressed envelopes. If you need any, let him know. He will be glad to supply you free of charge.

The aged ministers' fund is to be raised by January 1, 1938.

Note: Please drop the state overseer a card when this is sent to Headquarters.

The Evangel drive is to be completed by March 1, 1938. We are to work for a 20 per cent increase in subscriptions.

Mission drive is to be completed by May 1, 1938, or at the state convention.

Now, beloved ones, let me appeal to you as God-loving and loyal ministers and churches, let us work together for the greatest year South Carolina has ever had. What do I hear you say? Methink I hear you say, "Oh yes, Brother Beaube, we are still in the battle, and with God's help WE WILL!"

Soon the battle will be over and the smoke will clear away and we'll stack our arms and leave this old world and go shouting home to God and then we will be glad "we've stayed on the firing line." God bless each of you, I feel His presence as I write and I know God is with us.

Below is a list of the district overseers and dates for conventions. I shall name them in order as the date for convention comes:

Charleston—Porter M. White, 30 Grove St., Charleston, S. C.; Convention, December 10-12.

Walhalla—W. C. Lee, Walhalla, S. C.; Convention, January 14-16.

Greenville—W. D. Childers, Greer, S. C.; Convention, Jan. 21-23.

Dillon—James S. Roberts, Dillon, S. C.; Convention, Jan. 28-30.

Rock Hill—Linwood Jacobs, Rock Hill, S. C.; Convention, Feb. 4-6.

Anderson—J. C. Childers, Anderson, S. C.; Convention, Feb. 8-10.

Blacksburg—S. C. Chambers, Blacksburg, S. C.; Convention, Feb. 18-20.

Greenwood—C. E. McAbee, Greenwood, S. C.; Convention, Feb. 25-27.

Columbia—C. W. Dempsey, Columbia, S. C.; Convention, March 4-6.

Langley—N. B. Osban, Aiken, S. C.; Convention, March 11-13.

All of the above named conventions will begin Friday night at 7:00 and will run through Sunday afternoon. The district overseer will arrange for the place, entertainment and program in general. Sister Helen L. Morrow is in the state and will be in evangelistic work exclusively. If you need her for a revival, her address is Box 271, Easley, S. C. She has just closed a good revival at Greer, S. C. Forty-five were saved, six sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. We are receiving reports from many other good revivals that are in progress now, for which we are thankful. Let us pray for a great harvest of souls.

We are thankful for the building spirit which is among our people. Many are planning to remodel and enlarge old buildings and some new buildings are getting under way. May God bless all who contribute to this worthy cause.—A. V. Beaube, state overseer of South Carolina.

Oklahoma Tour of Churches and Thanksgiving Service

Here we are—from Maine in the Northeast to Oklahoma in the Southwest. We often think of our dear friends in the New England States and still remember the work there as we pray.

Brother Bloomingdale, being overseer of this state, has been very busy visiting the churches. We have been on the go almost continually since we came and he has preached almost every night. We are meeting some true blue saints as we tour the state. We are very much encouraged with the prospects of some of the places, and are working hard getting the ministers placed; finding also that there is lots to be done in some of the

churches. It surely is a needy field and we have a short Assembly year this time.

Revivals are now in progress at some of the places. At Murphy one was healed of T. B. and another of cancer recently. Brother Ralph Fetters, a Jew, has been evangelizing some and seems to be zealous for the cause; also Brother and Sister Baney, who recently arrived from Tennessee. We have some good workers who have the work at heart and we hope they will do their best for the advancement of the work this year. There are many open fields in this state for consecrated workers, who are willing to sacrifice for Jesus.

We attended a district meeting Thanksgiving Day at Bullit Prairie, an old Indian battleground, where Brother Collins is pastoring. Our hearts were made to rejoice when we saw a large part of the congregation was composed of Indians. The clerk, Brother Joe Anoatubby, is an Indian and very faithful in his duties. Such unity prevailed throughout the day. After the good song service led by Sister Curtsinger, with stringed music accompaniment, Brother Atchley led a praise service, which could appropriately be called "thanksgiving." Brother Curtsinger, pastor at Ada, delivered a stirring message on "The Whole Armor of God."

At noon a real southern "dinner on the ground" was served. One could not wish for more when they saw so much chicken, pies, cakes, etc.

The afternoon service began with choir singing and special numbers. A duet by Sister Curtsinger and a blind girl was sung, also one by her son and the blind girl. Two young men rendered musical numbers on stringed instruments. Two Indian quartets sang; namely, mixed quartet: soprano, J. H. Greenwood; alto, Emmiline Jimmie; tenor, C. C. Alexander; bass, Oliver Neal. Male quartet: first tenor, Homer Ned; second tenor, J. H. Greenwood; baritone, Oliver Neal; bass, Fred Cravatt. Brother Bloomingdale preached on "The Blight of Unbelief."

Even though all could not stay for the evening service the crowd was very good. Brother and Sister Atchley, pastor at Ravia, sang a number, also the writer. Brother Bloomingdale brought the message on "Signs of the Time," and hearts were stirred to the realization of Christ's soon coming.

In answer to an invitation of the pastor, Brother Bridges of Electra, Tex., for Brother Bloomingdale to preach Saturday night, we attended a part of their district convention. God set His approval on the message by a melting and convicting spirit, and the Holy Ghost admonished all to seek God. Some came to the altar and were blessed. We greatly

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Requests

Please pray for the revival that is now in progress at York, Pa., with the pastor in charge.—J. L. Hathcock, 645 W. Locust St., York, Pa.

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Please pray a special prayer for a good friend of mine, Mr. Price, that God will heal his body and he will be able to go to church and enjoy the blessings of God.—G. M. Chitwood, Lavonia, Ga.

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The saints at Newtown covet the prayers of the saints everywhere as we are few in number and in a hard place. We praise God for our faithful few and hope that God will give us more saints to help us work till Jesus comes as I feel like it won't be long.—Mrs. W. F. Worsham, Rt. 1, Roswell, Ga.

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Pray for me. I moved away from the Church of God at Freeburn, Ky. about nine months ago and there is no church here at this place and I am under an awful burden. Pray that if it's God's will He will make it possible for me to get away from this place and get close to a dear Church of God. My soul is so hungry to hear the Word of God preached in its fulness.—Mrs. Myrtle Bell, Paw Paw, Ky.

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Please pray a special prayer for my thirteen-year-old girl who has a trouble, something like catarrh. Please pray that the Lord will heal her. Pray for my faith to be increased. Pray for my family to get closer to the Lord.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lester Johnson, Rt. 1, Alma, Ga.

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I have been suffering for about three years with my body. Have been to the hospital eight times in two years, and operated on about five times in the last two years and don't seem to get any better. I desire the prayers of each saint. If you feel led, fast and pray for my body. I have the Holy Ghost. Pray that I may grow stronger in faith. Pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost. We are both members of the Church of God here.—Mrs. Edw. A. Rishel, Dillon, S. C.

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I have a very special unspoken request. Please pray.—Cuie Honchell, 2134 E. Jackson St., Phoenix, Ariz.

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Please pray for dear Brother Carpenter who is lying near death. He is one of the oldest Church of God ministers. He is shouting and praising God all the time, just waiting for God to say, Come up

higher.—Mae Walsh, 1438 17th St., Detroit, Mich.

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Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body as I am afflicted with gallstones and surely need prayer. I have the Holy Ghost and want to fully trust God for both soul and body. Please don't pass this up. Pray for my family.—Cora Tillir, Davenport, Va.

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Please pray for the Lord to deliver me so I can work for Him the way I desire. Pray for the unsaved of my home.—Anna Despain, Joiner, Ark.

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I praise the Lord for healing my boy of asthma. I ask the saints to pray for the healing of two sores on my leg. Also pray for my children as they have whooping cough. Pray for the church here at Pelzer.—Mrs. Forest Lee Farmer, Pelzer, S. C.

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I ask the saints to pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my dad and my brothers and sisters to be saved. My husband and little daughter are saved and sanctified. Pray for all of us.—Clara Rippy, Rutherfordton, N. C.

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Dear saints, pray a special prayer for the healing of my mother's body. She has been confined to her bed about six weeks with heart dropsey. She has been given up by three doctors but thank the Lord she is still with us and we know God's power is sufficient. When the saints pray for her the Lord gives her relief so she can lie down. She is saved, pray for the Lord to give her full salvation. Brother Rouse, will you please pray?—Emma Young, Frostproof, Fla.

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Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I have been sick for about six weeks. Almost had pneumonia which left my left lung in a bad shape and me with a bad cough.—Mrs. Walter B. Gannon, Rt. 2, Box 29, Holly Grove, Ark.

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I want all the saints to pray for me to be healed. I don't have the blessing but I want it. Don't forget to pray for me.—Willie Walker, Coalgood, Ky.

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I sincerely ask that every child of God kneel and ask God to heal my body, if it is His will. I have a terrible cold. I am trusting God. I ask Brother Rouse to please pray for me.—Mrs. Marvin McCombs, Winfield, Ala.

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My health is getting worse again fast so please pray earnestly for me. I'm fully trusting God. My bad health is a great hindrance to me in the gospel work. I

have high blood pressure, heart trouble, appendicitis, and other things. Also pray for us in our new work. The Lord is blessing fine so far.—Ira J. Hand, Rt. 1, Garfield, Ga.

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Please pray for the revival here at Kingsport, Tenn., that we will have an outpouring of the Holy Ghost and God's mighty power. Oh, how I need to get close to the Lord. Pray for my children to be saved in this revival. Everybody is welcome to this revival.—Lizzie Hickman.

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I praise the Lord for His mercy to me. About eight years ago He saved me, a short time later sanctified me, and then gave me the Holy Ghost. He healed my body then and so many times since. But, since this last Assembly I have been having very bad nervous spells. It seems that my body will first begin trembling like a leaf, then it looks like I will jerk into pieces, and I can hardly get my breath while these spells are on me. Saints, I can't stand very much of this, I know God can heal and I am trusting Him for both soul and body. Haven't used any remedies in eight years. Please take this to God now and tell Him to please step on the scene and heal my body so I can work for Him. Wife and I have conducted ten revivals since last February and my nerves are about broken down. Many, many nights I have stayed on my knees all night long praying for lost humanity. I ask especially that Brother and Sister Batts of Rome, Ga., Brother L. G. Rouse, Brother and Sister B. D. Smith, Brother Lester Chambers and family of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Brother W. H. Black of Columbus, Ga., and all my friends please take this to your heart and ask God to heal me. I have another little trouble too. We are in South Georgia in a revival at present.—Humbly, John H. Ming, Milan, Ga., Gen. Del.

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Please pray that the Lord will heal my right eye. I can't read God's Word. It has been sore a week. I have taken cold going out in the rain. The Lord is blessing here. It is a new place for the Church of God. Since July 10 eleven have been saved, six sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost.—Willie B. Thompson, Rt. 3, Elba, Ala.

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I am in the evangelistic work here in the state of Maine. Do pray that God will give us many souls for our labor. My address for the present will be Auburn, Maine, Gen. Del. This is a new field and it will mean much prayer and labor. I am praying that you folks will not forget us in your prayers.—Emma Newman.

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NOTICES

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Those in the state of Kansas who want a copy of the new Minutes of the 32nd Annual Assembly, may order from me. I am getting a supply for the state. We want each church clerk, minister, and those who are contemplating going into the ministry, to have one of these Minutes, and every one else who wants to know just what the Church teaches, get you a book of Minutes and find out just what is in it. I am located for the present time at Coffeyville, Kans. The church here is getting along quite well. Several have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve have joined the Church in the last week. Our building is too small. We are planning to build a larger building soon. Pray for the work in Kansas.—J. T. Campbell, overseer of Kansas, 1406 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kans.

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To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Monroe, Louisiana, to 876 N. Royal Street, Jackson, Tennessee.—Sincerely, Robert E. Blackwood.

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The Church of God at Edinburg, Texas is moving along fine. We have been here one month. We found the Church of God program over the top. Three have been saved, three sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost since we have been here. We will have our fellowship meeting for Edinburg district Christmas Day. There will be an all-day service and dinner on the ground. A big welcome is extended to all our North Texas friends. Our state overseer, Brother T. S. Payne, will be in charge. Surely this is the garden spot of Texas. These oranges and grapefruits look good to one who has never seen them growing.—W. M. Ford.

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Virginia district overseers and their addresses: Norfolk district, C. J. Abbott, 6 Clark St., Chincoteague Is., Va.; Monroe dist., H. E. Sells, 4400 Decatur St., Richmond, Va.; Danville district, A. O. Stewart, Schoolfield, Va.; Roanoke district, J. G. Houck, Gen. Del., Roanoke, Va.; Pulaski district, W. I. Bass, Box 375, Pulaski, Va.; Marion district, I. H. Brabson, Marion, Va.; New River district, T. C. Wiggins, Rt. 1, Galax, Va.; Glamorgan district, L. M. Justice, Glamorgan, Va.; Bluefield district, A. J. Cox, Seaboard, Va.

May the Lord bless and help each worker of the state. We are expecting great things to be done this year and for this to happen we will have to put God first, work together, pray for each other, and love each other with a godly love. Our state program is larger this

year than it was last year but our God is able to help us put this over for Him. So, come on, Virginia, let's not come behind with any thing that the General Assembly has ruled. I feel sure that we have some of the best preachers in Virginia that can be found. However, we don't say we have all the good ones. I do believe if we will all work together and do our best this will be the greatest year that has ever been here. Please bear with us and keep us on your prayer list. I am sure my wife will soon be where I can leave her and be on the field again. She is improving very good and I will be on the go again just as soon as I can leave her. Please let us hear from you all along and if you need our counsel, please don't fail to let us know. Remember, I am your servant and co-worker for God and His Church. Please push your mission and aged ministers quotas. Let's have the aged ministers amount paid off before Christmas, if possible. Remember, we are praying for you daily.—Humbly, J. L. Dorman, overseer of Virginia.

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To the ministers and churches of Mississippi: My address has been changed from Tomnolen, Miss. to Morgantown, Miss. This will be my permanent address for the year.—Thos. W. Godwin, overseer of Mississippi.

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Sister Frances Dekle, please write me at once.—Miss Brady Tharp, Dundee, Fla.

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To the churches of the McDowell district, W. Va.: As I have been appointed district superintendent of the Y. P. E. of this district, and as my heavy responsibilities may not permit me visiting your church until after the first of the year, I humbly request that each local Y. P. E. president get in touch with me and let me know your name and address, that I may write to you concerning the work on the district. Should your local church not have an active Y. P. E., I request that each local pastor or clerk notify me, that I may come and help organize, should you so desire. Remember, Y. P. E. workers, work hard and report promptly each month to Brother T. F. Blackwell, Box 1547, Beckley, W. Va. I have ordered a district Y. P. E. banner to be awarded each month to the Endeavor making the best progress.—Your humble servant, Floyd P. Henkle, Box 174, War, W. Va.

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To the ministers and members of the Church of God in Arkansas, greetings in the name of Jesus. We agreed in the ministers' meeting to pay off the aged ministers quota not later than the second Sunday in December. Each church notify me as soon as you raise this. We want

all pastors to see that they are up with their 5 per cent mission quota. Don't forget to boost the Evangel, it will be a blessing to our church. I am here giving the names of appointed officers in this state: state mission treasurer, M. C. Luallen, Forrest City, Ark.; state superintendent of Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's, A. J. Allen, Gilmore, Ark., Box 24. All churches get in touch with Brother Allen and let him organize a Y. P. E. in your church. He is a fine young brother. Tithe all your Sunday School money and take an offering when he visits you. We urge every church to organize a Y. P. E. for the young people surely need encouragement in this state. District pastors: Marked Tree, J. A. McCullar; Forrest City, Everett Wright; Omaha, Lono Marlin; Velvet Ridge, W. V. Johnson; Bauxite, R. E. Shaw. Let us work to make this the best year Arkansas has ever known.—Odis Smith, overseer of Arkansas.

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To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Lanett, Ala. to 20 Fruitland St., Opelika, Ala.—J. C. Collins.

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To the churches in North Texas: Greetings. We wish to announce the names and addresses of the district overseers: Big Spring district, Oscar Davis, overseer, Big Spring, Texas; Crockett district, Wm. R. Fowler, overseer, Trinity, Texas; Electra district, H. N. Bridges, overseer, Electra, Texas; Graham district, L. A. Baker, overseer, Graham, Texas; Lubbock district, Roy J. Young, overseer, Slaton, Texas; Mobeetie district, B. A. Ratchford, overseer, Mobeetie, Texas; Overton district, E. M. Smith, overseer, Selman City, Texas; Paris district, Rome Brous, overseer, 371 Graham St., Paris, Texas; Ranger district, T. M. White, overseer, 601 Pershing St., Ranger, Texas; Sulphur Springs district, O. A. McBride, overseer, Sulphur Springs, Texas; Weatherford district, O. L. Crow, overseer, 106 Hanover St., Weatherford, Texas. Brother J. C. Thompson, 5020 Hoehn St., Dallas, Texas, has been appointed state superintendent of Sunday Schools and assistant state superintendent of the Young People's Endeavor. Brother W. H. Woodall, 301 Hanover St., Weatherford, Texas, is state mission treasurer. Pastors, be sure to raise your mission quota each month, which should equal 5 per cent of tithes paid in the local church treasury, and send half of this amount to E. J. Boehmer, Cleveland, Tennessee, and the other half to W. H. Woodall, state treasurer. Please do not neglect these very important matters.—Your co-worker in the Lord, H. N. Scoggins, overseer of North Texas.

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

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ceived the mark of the beast, and them that had worshipped the image. These both were cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone," Rev. 19:20. It is here that we find them one thousand years later when the devil is given over to the fire.

After the casting of Antichrist into the fire I can imagine the old devil sneaking off to hide himself, but John the Revelator tells us, "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold upon the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years be fulfilled," Rev. 20:1-3.

And then referring again to the words of Christ, "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left," Matt. 25:32, 33. Here we are made to understand that there is to be a judgment of nations and those nations who have befriended the cause of Christ and are then in existence shall be classed as sheep nations. These are permitted to enter into Christ's kingdom and the goat nations are those who are enemies of Christ and who have and will legally close the door to the gospel within their borders. Russia is a fair example and there are others who are following and will follow her. At the conclusion of the judgment Christ will, no doubt, ascend His throne and crown as kings those who are to be kings, and appoint to His order of service every priest, for the saints are to rule with Him. Please read Rev. 2:26, 27; 5:8, 10; Dan. 7:18; 7:26, 27. That will indeed be a wonderful time. Through a close study of the Scriptures on this subject it seems evident that the principle of sin which has caused all the suffering and trouble of the world and mankind, shall be bound with the devil as he is the author of it all. Even the animal kingdom shall revert back to the nature they possessed in the garden of Eden and they shall be at peace with one another. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the

hole of the asp, and the weaned child put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea," Isa. 11:6-9.

"Very strange," you will say, but how wonderful to be permitted to live in this kingdom where nothing hurts or destroys! Try to think or picture in your mind a group of little lambs in the field with a pack of wolves. The wolf now is destructive to the sheep grower but then the shepherd will not need to worry about him. Picture the old lion that now slays other animals in the kingdom age eating grass and purring like an old house cat; the leopard known for his meanness lying down with the young kid. Is it not a wonderful picture!

It is highly probable that industry shall continue undisturbed, save for the fact that there will be mutual understanding between employer and employee. Business will doubtless do a very flourishing trade for it is evident that men will be at peace with one another and work. Read Isa. 65:19-34; 66:10-14. This will be true of both Jew and Gentile. I find nothing in the Scripture that will con-

flict with these statements. Jerusalem will be the religious center. It is here that year after year Jew and Gentile will come to worship the Lord. "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles," Zech. 14:16. Here too Christ's throne will be and on the bells of the horses will be "Holiness unto the Lord," and even on the pots will be "Holiness unto the Lord." We can recount many wonderful things but I suppose we can say with Paul, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." True, it is impossible for the human mind to conceive in any large measure of those things that are prepared and are now awaiting our crossing the last silent river. Then when we are loosed from mortality and soar to realms above, meet our Savior who has loved us and made those things possible, and partake of the great marriage feast in the sky, we shall return by way of the great throne of God, with Christ, to our inheritance.

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REQUESTS

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We are in a revival campaign at Juniata, Pa. Please pray for the meeting, that God will give us souls.—V. W. Blankenship and daughters.

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Please pray a prayer for me as I have been in bed for one week, seriously ill. I am still trusting the Lord.—S. E. York, Alarka, N. C. * * *

Please pray earnestly for me. I am afflicted in body, and have been for over three months. I am willing to work for the Lord.—Mrs. Iva Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 7, Hope Mills, N. C.

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Dear saints, please pray for me to be healed of kidney and bladder trouble. I am suffering very much.—Esther McPeak, Eckman, W. Va.

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Please help me pray that God will sanctify and baptize me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I am also in need of prayer for my body. God knows my trouble. Please don't forget me when you pray. Pray for my dear loved ones who are out in sin to be saved.—Velma Clark, Mission, Texas.

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Please pray for the healing of my body. I am in a bad condition with gall bladder trouble and other diseases that affect my heart and nerves until I am hardly able to go at times. My head is so dizzy I can hardly sit up. Please pray until your prayers go through. Pray that the Lord will open a way for us to have services oftener. We have just one service a week.—Annie Minton, Echols, Ky.

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Oklahoma Tour of Churches and Thanksgiving Service

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enjoyed Brother Scoggins' message Sunday morning. It was a great pleasure to me to see several old acquaintances. Now we are expecting a visit from some of these Texas people.

Pray for us as we face (not so much snow) but the western wind this winter on the battlefield for Jesus. The sun is now shining brightly on the outside and also in our souls, and we are happy in His will. Praise His name.—Mrs. Geo. M. Bloomingdale, 911 Summitt Ave., Lawton, Okla.

The Danger Line

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I've seen so much worldliness practiced among our sisters lately, especially the younger ones, and it grieves my heart. I just felt like sounding this warning—danger!

Some might think these things are too trifling to write about but I knew they are not of God and they are being done

by some of us Church of God folk. The scripture says, "It's the little foxes that spoil the vine." It's the little things that sap our victory. Start with the little things, some of which I've mentioned, and after a while you may wake up to find yourself across the danger line and of the world.

Paul told young Timothy, "Be thou an example of the believers." Precious ones, youth is not an excuse for these things. We younger ones must take the places of the elder ones in the Church, if Jesus tarries. So let's strive to be worthy. I felt led to write this and I hope and pray it will help someone.

FAITH COMETH BY HEARING

BY EARL A. CRIPPS

Many think that faith is something like lightning that strikes people and if it does not strike that is an excuse for not believing. But faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God and we cannot expect to have it if we will not believe the Bible. What we really need today is a revival of respect for the Word of God—the "thus saith the Lord." For not to mix respect (God said it and it is so) with the Word is not only not to profit by it but to make God a liar.

Like the people of Nazareth who would not believe the Bible when Jesus read it to them and then expected Him to do mighty works, there are altogether too many today who will not believe James 5:14 and the other promises on healing and then expect someone with that gift to come along and heal them. But everything we receive from God comes by conscientiously or unconsciously cashing a promise. They're the keys to heaven. We would not even know how to get saved any more than the Chinese, Japanese, Hindus, etc., if we had never heard John 3:16. And those that will not believe the gospel when they hear it are as bad off if not worse than those who have never heard it. This is also why it is not always the amount of the Word that we read (or eat) that does us good but as with natural food it is the amount that we assimilate or digest. Most people are suffering from spiritual indigestion. They have filled their heads with a lot of prophecy about signs of the times, etc., and some of them have not even cashed John 3:16, let alone James 5:14 and Acts 2:16, 17, and even for "wise virgins" who have "oil in their lamps" there are scores of practical promises to cash such as "these signs shall follow them that believe;" "Out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water;" "The work that I do shall ye do, and greater works for I go to the Father."

Compared to the early Church, we are like children splashing on the seashore in water up to their ankles when there are "waters to swim in" and a broad ocean bosom to carry shiploads of blessings to suffering humanity. And instead of telling the 125,000 blind persons in America, the three million lepers in India, China, Japan, etc., not to trouble the Master as the disciples told blind Bartimaeus by the wayside, we should be turning half those countries to Christ with the signs following. God has not cancelled any of His exceeding great and precious promises to the Church, nor will He as long as the Holy Ghost dispensation lasts. We have the same Jesus and the "like precious faith" that the saints had, and if we will only believe He will do the same mighty works for us that He did for them.

Happy to Know Jesus is in My Life

PRESTONBURG, Ky.—I praise God this Thanksgiving afternoon for full and free salvation. I'm so happy to know that Jesus is in my life, my sins under the blood and victory in my soul. Praise His wonderful name! We have so much to praise God for.

About fifteen years ago I joined the great Church of God and it grows brighter every day. I love the dear old Church of God, I love her teachings.

We haven't a Church of God, only a few members. Please pray for us that a church will be set in order here at Prestonburg. Pray for my children that they will accept Jesus before it is too late. I also want you to pray that God will heal my little grandson of rupure.

I thank God for healing my body two years ago. I sent Brother Rouse a handkerchief. It is so sweet to trust God for both soul and body. Pray that I will hold out faithful and be a shining light for Jesus. Also pray that God will take the desire for liquor from my son and that He will save his soul.—Your sister in Christ, Malinda Messer.

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Dear brothers and sisters, peace be unto you. I thank the Lord for all His blessings to the church in Haiti. He just provided me with a good car, so I am able to reach all the churches here and the places needing us.

I thank very much the Mission Board that sent me \$200.00 for this car. I feel very much encouraged by the Mission Board and the brethren in America. I pray that the Headquarters will be a blessing to all the states and territories. Remember us here in your prayer.—Yours faithfully in His glorious service, J. Vital Herne, overseer of Haiti.

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